Construction of an Irrigation Sluice in Kothachira.

71. ✻MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any provision is made in the budget for 1118, towards the construction of an Irrigation sluice in Kothachira in Thazhakara pakuthi, Mavelikara taluk; and

(*b*) if so, whether any action has been taken on the same?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate for Rs. 1,430 has been sanctioned. Tenders were also invited, but the work was not arranged as the amount of the only tender was much in excess of the estimate and as the tenderer offered to do the work only next year.

Rationing rice in Chirayinkil.

72. ✻ MR. VARKALA K MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided to increase the rice ration in the cholera infected areas of the Chirayinkil taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The quantity of rice distributed within the Taluk has generally been increased since 1st Edavom 1118 M. E.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the principle on which the rice quota is allotted to each Taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: That depends upon the need of the locality.

Cocoanut Committee.

73. ✻ MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any Cocoanut Committee has been constituted by Government;

(*b*) the object with which such a committee has been constituted; and

(*c*) the names of the members of the committee and brief particulars of the work so far done by the committee?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Additional Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Chira at Maravattikkavu.

74. ✻MR K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether the people have applied for the deepening (as per minor irrigation rules) of a Chira at "Maravattikkavu" at the 37th mile on the Kallil Temple road, just on the north-western side of the grazing block in survey No. 606/1 of the Rayamangalam pakuthi, Kunnatnad taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the action in respect of that work is at present?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

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